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SUBJECT: COLOMBO SUMMIT: ALGERIAN DELEGATION

1. ALGERIAN DELEGATION TO NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING AT COLOMBO, LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER BOUTEFLIKA, DEPARTED ALGIERS BY PRESIDENTIAL ILYUSHIN AFTERNOON AUG. 9. BOUTEFLIKA ACCOMPANIED BY ALGERIAN AMBASSADORS TO LONDON (LAKHDAR BRAHIMI) AND CAIRO (DJAMAL HOUHOU) AS WELL AS BY DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS ABDELMAJID ADJALI, DIRECTOR ARAB AFFAIRS ABDELKADER BENKACI, PAIR OF SECRETARIES AND MISCELLANEOUS OUTRIDERS. DIRECTOR FAR EASTERN AND LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, ABDERRAHMANE BENSID, WHO IS FOREIGN MINISTRY ACTION OFFICER FOR NON-ALIGNED AFFAIRS, APPARENTLY ACCOMPANIED ALGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO UN ABDELLATIF RAHAL WHO LEFT EARLIER.

2. WE HAVE GOOD PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH ALL THESE GENTLEMEN, EXCEPT BOUTEFLIKA. THEY ARE UNLIKELY TO TELL ANY OF OUR PEOPLE GREAT DEAL, BUT BENSID IS MOST APPROACHABLE. BRAHIMI MOST LIKELY TO GIVE A STRAIGHT ANSWER. BOTH BENSID AND BRAHIMI SPEAK ENGLISH. ADJALI, WHO SPEAKS ONLY FRENCH, IS ORIGINAL CHESHIRE CAT AND GIVES AWAY NOTHING. BENKACI VERY FRIENDLY ON SOCIAL PLANE BUT SPECIALIZES IN REPEATING PARTY LINE. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH. PARKER

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